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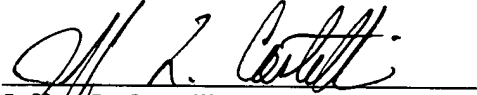
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

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The enclosed references were cited in a *Notice of Reasons of Rejection* on December 25, 2001 for Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-272116. The JP application claims priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-283680 under Japanese Patent Law Sec. 41, the priority of which is claimed in the present US application under 35 U.S.C. 119.

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